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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:	Reissue Patent Application of Robert H. Staat	:	Group Art Unit: 3617
Conf. No.	4290	:	
Appln. No.:	08/999,730	:	Examiner: S. J. Morano IV
Filed:	December 24, 1997	:	Attorney Docket
For U.S. Patent No.:	5,509,546	:	No. 7311-24RE
Granted:	April 23, 1996	:	
For:	MAGNETICALLY-ACTUATED COUPLER FOR MODEL RAILROAD CARS	:	

SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION

As the only above named inventor, I hereby declare that:

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed in Application No. 08/292,880 filed August 19, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,509,546, granted April 23, 1996, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled:

MAGNETICALLY-ACTUATED COUPLER FOR MODEL RAILROAD CARS
the specification of which was filed on December 24, 1997 as Application No. 08/999,730.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification of the above-identified patent, including the claims, as amended by the amendments dated December 23, 1997 (entered 12/24/97); January 7, 2000; December 22, 2000 (entered 12/28/00); June 12, 2001; January 2, 2002; October 21, 2002 (entered 10/28/02); and June 4, 2003.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I believe the subject patent of this reissue application to be wholly or partially inoperative or invalid, by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than the patentee had the right to claim in the patent. At least one excess or insufficiency in the claims is specified below.

Original patent claim 1 has been cancelled and replaced with new application claim 6. Claim 6 is amended over original patent claim 1 at least in adding the recitation, "the cantilever spring having a first portion which curves away from the coupler head and a free end which curves back toward the coupler knuckle to apply a tangential force to the coupler knuckle". This additional language is at least one error corrected by this reissue application.

The error described above and every other error in the present patent which was corrected in the present reissue application, and which is not covered by a prior oath/declaration submitted in the present application, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

April 12, 2004
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